

Report to Council

Report Title:	Proposed Snowmobile Trail on Municipal Land		
Prepared By:	Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations		
Department:	Public Works		
Date:	December 17, 2018		
Report Number:	PW2018-30	File Number:	C11PW
Attachments:	Letter from Saugeen Snowmobile Club Letters of Support (to be provided on Monday December 17, 2018) Map of Proposed Snowmobile Trail – Option 1 Map of Proposed Snowmobile Trail – Option 2		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number PW2018-30 – Proposed Snowmobile Trail on Municipal Land, prepared by Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations and approves proceeding with Option 2 and further authorizes staff to bring forward a By-Law to enter into an agreement with the Saugeen Snowmobile Club.

Report:

Background:

On December 6, 2018, Paul MacLennan of the Saugeen Snowmobile Club, a Club within the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, sent a letter to the Director of Operations requesting permission to use municipal land for a new snowmobile trail in Walkerton. The proposed trail would enter Walkerton from the Brant-Walkerton Townline, travelling towards the East Ridge Business Park.

Two options of the proposed trail have been attached to this report for Council review.

- Option 1 – The trail enters and crosses private property. The Saugeen Snowmobile Club would then need to contact the owner of the private property to complete a land ownership form.
- Option 2 – The trail would only be on municipally-owned property. The Saugeen Snowmobile Club would then need to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Brockton.

Option 2 is the preferred choice, as municipal staff would then be able to monitor the use of the trail.

Analysis:

Users of the trail must be members of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs through the purchase of a yearly permit. The purchase of this permit includes insurance and ensures that members have a licence. The Saugeen Snowmobile Club uses Marshalls to enforce the requirement for a permit.

If the proposed trail were to be approved by Council, the Saugeen Snowmobile Club would be required to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Brockton regarding the use of the trail. The Saugeen Snowmobile Club would also be responsible for trimming trees along the trail, ensure adequate insurance coverage, and ensure that proper signage is placed along the trail to prevent snowmobiling on Brockton’s Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park. The signage would be paid for by the Saugeen Snowmobile Club and will be strictly enforced. Staff would regularly monitor for compliance.

Any proposed agreement with the Saugeen Snowmobile Club would contain a clause that the Municipality of Brockton would be indemnified against any potential damage or loss. If an individual used the trail and did not have a permit, the Municipality of Brockton would rely on this indemnity clause (and the situation would also likely be covered by the Municipality of Brockton’s general liability insurance policy). Please note that unauthorized users may already be using these properties. This proposal will allow a more regimented trail system.

The proposed location of the trail, through the East Ridge Business Park, would help will support Brockton’s business community on the east side of Walkerton (such as 519 Table and Pour and the Best Western). The ability to snowmobile directly to local accommodation could make travelling to Walkerton a snowmobile destination.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There is no cost to the Municipality of Brockton by entering into an agreement with the Saugeen Snowmobile Club.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jamie Morgan, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer